

Purpose and Need

The purpose of the LaVA project is to respond to changed forest vegetation conditions presented by the bark beetle epidemics on the MBNF.

Project needs include:

- Providing for human safety
- Mitigating hazardous fuel loading
- Enhancing forest and rangeland resiliency
- Promoting vegetation management to recover merchantable products
- Contributing to the area economy by supporting local jobs and income
- Providing for protection of infrastructure, municipal water supplies, and threatened and endangered species habitat
- Managing vegetation to benefit aquatic and wildlife species

